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Loop Winter Carnival on February 17



A noticeable and successful part of the Loop Winter Carnival was this "Magical Maze of Wilberforce" build beside the Lloyd Watson Centre, by Hyland Ice, Wilberforce IGA, Schwandt Lumber, and the Students of Wilberforce Elementary School. For Story of Loop Carnival see page 6.

Frosty Frolics Celebrated in Bancroft

By Stewart Smith

And they were off!

Spaced at two minute intervals, 26 sled dog teams and their people set out on the "mid distance" 60 mile sled dog course.

This was the 14th Annual Sled Dog Races, and an important part of the Frosty Frolics celebration organized by the Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce, and especially by Chris Fouts.

The competition attracted teams from many parts of Ontario, as well as Quebec, New York State, and Michigan.

Winner of the 60 Mile Mid Distance

Sled Dog Race was *Tim McEwen (#18), of Marmora, in 4 hours, 31 minutes. *Second was Ron Lott (#5), of Marmora, at 4 hours, 50 minutes. *Third was Pierre Poirier (#25), of Quebec, at 4 hrs, 55 minutes.

Three shorter sled dog races were run north along the Hastings Heritage Trail from Bancroft, and on to land north and east of the Airport.

Winners of the 8 Mile, 8 Dog, Open Sprint Race were: * 1: Ken Worden, Scarborough; * 2: Wayne Joice, Port Hope; * 3: Paul Allison, Parham.

Winners of the 4 Mile, 4 Dog Open Sprint Race were: *1: Brian Goulding Port Hope; *2: Ken Worden, Scarborough; *3: Stuart McEwen, Marmora.

Winners of the 4 Mile, 4 Dog Purebred Sprint Race were:

* 1: Ron Woods, Marmora; * 2: Ryan Gunter, L'Amable; *3: Marcel Garneau Oshawa.

But Frosty Frolics

was not just for the dogs.

The Bancroft Legion Hall was filled with crafts people and visitors for the Frosty Frolics Craft Show sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce; 45 vendors were there this year.

Between the sled dog trail and the Legion Hall, the York River Park was the setting for horse drawn

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Fire Chief Promotes Smoke Detectors

by Ann W. Smith

Bill Foote, Bicroft Township Fire Chief, was guest speaker at the Cardiff Community Club Pot Luck Lunch on Monday February 5.

The topic of his presentation was the use of smoke detectors in the home. Smoke detectors give warning when something is wrong.

Two causes of fires that Mr. Foote mentioned were electrical problems and careless smoking.

He emphasized the need to get out of a burning building quickly. The gases given off by burning plastics and other man made materials and cleaning fluids are deadly and can kill in a very few minutes.

Firefighters must wear breathing apparatus when entering a burning

building and do not remove it until completely clear of the building.

Bill Foote showed the group of about 20 people a film entitled "Fire Power".

"Fire Power" gave a demonstration of how quickly a fire can spread.

A 2 storey house was set up with test instruments to measure the heat and time and cameras to show the progress of the smoke and fire through the house.

An ashtray was emptied into a wastebasket in front of a sofa in the living room. In 30 seconds the paper ignites. In 1 minute and 4 seconds the polyurethane of the sofa melts down to the rug. After 1 min. and 40 sec. the smoke is spreading to the

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Thefts in Cardiff Twp.

Bancroft O.P.P.

Sometime between 11 - 15 February three cottages on Lewis Drive in Cardiff Township were forcefully entered. An undetermined quantity of goods were stolen from these cottages; however the owners are still taking inventory.

On Saturday, 17 February police responded to a break, enter and theft at a cottage

on the Mumford Road in Cardiff Township. This break and enter is thought to have occurred between the 9 and 17 February. Stolen from this cottage was a chainsaw and an axe.

If you have any information on any of these crimes or any other crime please call the Bancroft Detachment at (613) 332-2112 or Crime stoppers at 1-800-267-4357.



Muriel Penton thanks Bicroft Fire Chief Bill Foote for the smoke detector she has just won in a draw

Legion Donates to Hospital

The North Hastings District Hospital, in Bancroft, has received a gift of \$500 from the Cardiff, Branch 566, of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The cheque was presented to Hospital Administrator Donna Robin-

son on Thursday, February 8. Presenting the cheque was Hugh Smale, a Vice-President of the Cardiff Legion Branch.

The cheque is for the Equipment Fund of the Hospital.

Funds are from the Nevada Account of the Cardiff Legion Branch.

Police Dog Introduced at Paudash P.S.



Police dog Dillon waits eagerly for his partner, O.P.P. Const. Glen Perry, to tell him what to do

by Ann W. Smith

The grade 5/6 class at Paudash Public School had a special visitor for their VIP session on Wednesday January 31, 1996.

Dillon, a member of the Canine Unit of the Ontario Provincial Police based in Belleville, came with his partner Constable Glen Perry to demonstrate their work.

Con. Perry explained the Canine program, then had Dillon, a handsome, alert German Shepherd, show what he can do.

Dillon instantly obeyed commands to heel (the handler

signals this by tapping his own left shoulder), sit, stay, down. Perry pointed at Con. Stan Balemba and Dillon barked at him while Perry kept firm control of the dog.

Perry threw a special rubber ball to show Dillon's retrieval abilities.

One of the jobs of the Canine Unit is to sniff out drugs. Dillon quickly found some that had been hidden in the classroom after he had his yellow nylon drug collar put on and was given the command "seek".

The O.P.P. began using dogs in 1965

with three dogs and their handlers who had been trained in the United States. Now the many dogs and handlers employed by the O.P.P. are trained at the Ontario Fire College at Gravenhurst. This spring the training unit will be moved to Orillia.

Most of the work done by the dogs is tracking people. Specialty training includes detecting drugs and explosives.

German Shepherds have been found to be the best breed for police work. They can be trained to be aggressive but they are also sociable, have a stable temperament, are in-

telligent, have an excellent sense of smell and are loyal to their handlers. They also grow a warm coat for winter work.

The dogs are selected at 1 1/2 years of age and are screened to make sure they have all the characteristics needed for the work, and are healthy. They must not be afraid of gun fire. Retrieval drive along with a keen sense of smell is important for drug detection.

Training takes 3 1/2 months. The first week is spent developing a bond between the dog and the handler so that they become friends. The second week is used for obedience training.

The next stage is learning how to track people. Tracking is 90% of the work of the Canine Unit. The dogs are fitted with a special harness with a 10 foot long leash. This gives the dog freedom to move and pull but the handler never loses control and is with the dog all the time.

The dogs learn how to take a gun away from a criminal but when finding children or non violent adults they do not attack.

The dogs work for a year before being taught how

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Letter From Editors

This is not the way we like to run a newspaper. This is not the way we plan to run the Courier in the future.

We do not intend to give you only partial news coverage: selecting a few things to attend, and refusing to attend everything else. We intend to give our communities as thorough coverage as is humanly possible.

But therein was our problem.

Both our vehicles were breaking down through the winter, and finally went beyond use or repair. We literally had to beg rides to get to a store to buy milk or bread.

Under these circumstances getting to community events has been almost impossible since about Christmas.

We most greatly appreciate the help of our daughter, Kathy Smith. Her generous loan of her vehicle allowed us to get the late January paper printed, and to be a little mobile this past two months.

We also deeply appreciate the generosity of J, who loaned us his vehicle to get the February 8 paper printed and delivered.

Finally we appreciate the generosity of P, who has sold us a vehicle which we are just now [February 16] getting to know and trust.

As we become mobile again, our community news coverage will improve.

We have had considerable response to the editorial in the February 8 Courier. It has all been sympathetic and helpful. Some has been far more helpful and encouraging than you would ever guess.

We have had NO adverse reaction to the suggestion of raising advertising prices. So - let's do it!

As of March 1:

"Mark Your Calendar" will be \$4 per insert (\$5 if an invoice is mailed).

Display Advertising will be \$7 per column inch - up from \$6.50. Advertising booked up to February 29 will be at the old rate. Such bookings are encouraged.

Hospital Auxiliary

by Ann W. Smith

The regular monthly meeting of the North Hastings Hospital Auxiliary was held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 12 in the Auxiliary Room in the Hospital with President Betty Harrison in the chair.

Janet Griffin reported that the members had worked a total of 457 volunteer hours during January. This included in the Hospital and in

the Opportunity Shop as well as on miscellaneous jobs.

Norma McCormick reported that the Opportunity Shop has done well during January and that 2 new signs are ready to be put up.

Nancy Laymann reported that the Equipment Loan Cupboard has made \$330 since the Auxiliary took over in August, 1995.

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By Stewart Smith

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"The Roaring Game"

By Ernie Hemphill

Sounds at the "roaring game" were in a much sweeter key as the ladies took over ice surfaces at the Monmouth Curling Club in Wilberforce. The occasion was the club's annual Valentine Bonspiel. Twelve foursomes from throughout the county turned up for the two-day event.

Best on-rink performance was turned in by the Kinsman Rink from Minden. Skip Dana Kinsman directed her team of Vice Audrey McMarten, Second Patty

Bronson, and Lead Barb Flinn to an undefeated record of three wins with a total of thirty-four and one quarter points.

Second and third place honours went to Wilberforce rinks.

The runner-up rink was skipped by Myrtle Weedman, with Roberta Walsh taking care of Vice Skip duties, backed up by Second Judy Johnson and Lead Judy Coburn.

In third spot was the rink skipped by Corrine Pollard, with Vice Colleen Ward, Second Melani Meharrrie, and Lead Ann Meharrrie.

The Murdoch rink from Minden - Skip Sheryl Murdoch, Vice M.J. Irwin, Second Carol Puffer, and Lead Zelda Cooper - managed only one win. But they also showed up on the honours list by posting the highest score among foursomes with a lone victory.

In charge of arrangements on this

year's outing for the ladies was Don Flemming of the Monmouth club. Supporting sponsorship on the event was county-wide, with contributions from the IGA and Sisters' Gift Shop in Wilberforce; Curry Motors and Haliburton Lumber in Haliburton; as well as Don and Ann's Restaurant in Harcourt; and Ridgeview Restaurant in Highland Grove.

All things considered, it was a rousing couple of days for female devotees of "the roaring game."

The wrap-up banquet on Saturday evening was created by Harry Dale and his staff at the All Star Cafe in Wilberforce and was given its final warm-up and serving under direction of Chef-of-the-Evening Jack Carr. Jack and his volunteers among male members of the Monmouth Curling Club put together an eight-rock 'spiel' ender.

ACCIDENT

Bancroft O.P.P.

On Thursday, 15 February, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Alan CHANEY of Bancroft was eastbound on the South Baptiste Lake Road and while rounding a curve lost control and struck a mailbox on the northbound shoulder. CHANEY was not injured.

Break-Ins at Bancroft Arena

Sometime during the early morning hours of Wednesday, February 7, unknown person(s) forcibly entered the North Hastings Community Centre (Arena) and once the culprit(s) entered, they went to the snack bar and forced their way into it and stole an undisclosed amount of cash. Also stolen from the Arena were two Makita green drills.

On Saturday, 17 February while conducting security checks the North Hastings Community Centre was found to have been broken into. The building was checked; however nothing appears to have been stolen. It is suspected that the perpetrator of this crime was alerted by the approaching vehicle and left

the scene just prior to police arrival.

Note by Editor:
We have seen several reports of

such break-ins at the Bancroft Arena, in recent Police reports, but have not had the space to print them.

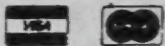


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EDITORIAL

By: Stewart Smith

The U.F.O.'s have taken over Ontario for close to 9 years of our history. I believe that, although many might challenge it.

I insist that the U.F.O.'s ruled the Province for two periods of close to 5 years each. These periods were almost exactly 70 years apart.

The similarity in details between the two periods of U.F.O. type rule is so striking that I want to encourage some scholar to examine the two regimes.

The first rule of the U.F.O. came after October 20, 1919. Voters had become fed up with both old parties; and elected a third group - much to everyone's surprise. This new group was different. It was not beholden to the wealthy and privileged. It did, however, represent a special group, and proudly proclaimed this in its name. This was the U.F.O. - the United Farmers of Ontario.

Under Premier E.C. Drury, who was as amazed as anyone by his new job, the U.F.O. gave Ontario new and imaginative government. Their Forestry program, for example, continues to this day. The Hendry Forest, in Simcoe County, was started by the U.F.O.

The U.F.O. made many mistakes. "E.C. Drury...headed an inexperienced group of farmers who were astonished and in most cases disconcerted by their sudden leap to power" (*Ask No Quarter*: about Agnes Macphail, page 50).

Throughout its mandate, the U.F.O. was subject to bitter and relentless attack by the media - especially the Toronto papers. Cabinet ministers were individually maligned. The U.F.O. government could be credited with nothing right. My parents shared their bitterness about this with me. I wondered how people could be so gullible as to believe the Toronto papers, and ignore what they could see around them.

Four years later, the experiment was over. The U.F.O. was soundly defeated in 1923. Many U.F.O.'s left politics. Some who remained drifted into the Liberal party: Farquhar Oliver, and the Nixons, for example.

E.C. Drury returned to Simcoe County, which he served well for many years.

U.F.O. stalwart Agnes Macphail joined the C.C.F. (later the N.D.P.) and served Canada for many years. She is maybe the best way to lead us to the second U.F.O. rule.

Some energy of the U.F.O. went to the Farm Forum movement. As a child I remember neighbours gathering in our home once a week to listen to the Farm Forum broadcast on CBC radio, and then discuss the issues raised, and report their discussions for airing on radio the following week.

History repeated itself in 1990. No longer was the protest party called United Farmers. But it still professed to serve the common people, in-

Flo Elliott Writes from Wilberforce**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Lately we have been bombarded with the results of studies that nutritionists have made. I don't know about you, but the way they constantly contradict themselves, I think it leaves the consumer in a constant state of confusion.

Just take margarine, for instance. This was supposed to be so much better for you than butter, because, although it had just as much fat content, it didn't contain any cholesterol - you know, the stuff that plugs up the veins. But now they say if it isn't "nonhydrogenated", it may even be harmful, even though it's low in saturated fat.

Then there was Oat Bran. Remember the big flurry about that? It was almost guaranteed to chase the Cholesterol right out of your system and the blood would flow smoothly on for evermore. Everything that could possibly contain Oat Bran was sold; and people bought it hoping for a miracle cure. Now it seems that a little study had been reported, that under the right conditions it could help some people some of the time. But the Media got wind of it and away it went right into a tailspin.

And what about Beta Carotene? You know, the stuff in some vegetables, especially carrots. This was supposed to stop cancer from even entering the same room as you. Now I heard a conflicting report on the radio today. Further studies show that if you are a smoker and at risk from breast cancer, Beta Carotene supplements may even increase your risk.

It also seems that they have come to the conclusion that it isn't just the Beta Carotene in the veggies that is good for you, but the entire vegetable. Ha! Big breakthrough here! What else have we heard all our lives but, "Eat your vegetables, they are good for you."

She also said to eat lots of fruit. You can't go wrong with fruit.

Remember the reports about how fruit was sprayed in the store with something to keep it fresh looking, and it was only safe to eat it if you put it through the washer and dryer first?

Can't you just see these scientific types staying up all night studying foods to find these vitamins and minerals, deciding what will be good and what will be bad and tossing them into tiny heaps? Then somehow giving out the wrong information?

It's gotten so bad, anything they say can't be trusted. These nutritionists can't even agree with each other. One week a certain food will kill you; and the next week it will cure all your ills.

But you can be sure if you don't like it, it will be good for you. White bread, for instance, is practically the kiss of death. You are supposed to eat that real brown bread with little hard things in it: fibre, you know.

Does it make you feel safe and secure to have so many people worrying about the state of your health? Frankly, it kind of annoys me. And I think this would be a really-good government cut-back.

Letter**to the Editor**

You have done well with your Cardiff Courier and I am pleased that you intend to carry on despite drawbacks and increased expense.

I thank you for space allotted to Wilberforce news and hope you will continue along these lines in the future.

I always enjoy the writings of Flo Elliott and other bits of information concerning Wilberforce and area.

Keep up the good work. Lots of luck in '96.

-Winnie Schofield, Wilberforce

stead of the rich and privileged. Again, it was constantly defamed by the Toronto press, and was brought down to crushing defeat after 1 term in office.

Now the leader has departed for other pastures. Who will succeed him? What will the members do? Will this new U.F.O. remain as a force in Ontario politics? How far will history repeat itself?

Betty Wilcox Wins Dream Trip

Kim Trolley presents the Dream Trip package to Betty Wilcox. Looking on, left to right, are: Truman Wilcox, Mel Russell, and Ken Wilson

"We are delighted to advise that you are the lucky winner of the Dream Trip to Spring Training '96 in Dunedin Florida,

courtesy of Homecare Building Centres." This takes the lucky winners to the spring training camp of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Betty Wilcox, of Bancroft, was equally delighted to receive this letter, dated January 10, 1996.

The delight still showed as she and her husband, Truman Wilcox, collected their tra-

vel package, at Wilson's Homecare, Bancroft, on Monday, February 12.

Mrs. Wilcox won her trip by filling out a ballot at Wilson Homecare Building Centre, in Bancroft [on Highway 62 south, at the edge of Bancroft].

This is one of a series of contests offered there. The next one involves

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"A Talent for Murder"



Magician Steve Hepburn and assistant Kate Hughes with one of ten swords she will meet inside that structure

By Stewart Smith

"What's a Vice Cop like you doing in a place like this?"

The question was asked of Sgt. Ingo Weise, of the Bancroft O.P.P., by Professor Lightning (Barry Lambbeck).

It was in the script of, "A Talent for Murder," presented in the Village Playhouse, Bancroft, on Fri-

day, Saturday, and Sunday, February 16 to 18.

Written and performed by Theatrics, this was a benefit for the Bancroft & Area Community Policing Committee. The Coe Hill Community Policing Committee served refreshments.

Much of the evening was a delightful showcase for local talent, by the pretext of a

rehearsal for a Wintario television Show.

STEVE HEPBURN - MAGICIAN. We were treated to a magic show by this talented Bancroft resident, and his assistant, Kate Hughes. "He is good!..He is a good showman!" I wrote in my notes, as I watched, fascinated.

His crowning act was the inserting of about 10 swords into a structure, while Kate was inside it.

JOHN FOREMAN - MUSICIAN John Foreman's concerts are always enjoyable.

Too bad about his guitar! "That's twice," he snarled. "If he ever does that again, it will be - three times."

Next time you hear him, ask him to sing, "What Kind of a Deal is This?"

LUKE HETU - MIME This was the first presentation by this local High School student. He even brought along his own heckling section (Geoffrey Briede).

But we hope to see Luke perform again - and again. **TWO OTHERS** Barry Lambbeck and Jennifer Warr, both Theatrics veterans, also gave performances, each spectacular in its own way.

MURDER Towards the end of this exciting talent show came the murder. The audience was then encouraged to question the cast, while O.P.P. Officers Ingo Weise and Tim Wood assisted.

Our quotation? Ingo Weise could not do a Homicide investigation. After all, his assignment was Vice.

Writer - Director



High School student and budding Mime, Luke Hetu, made his debut at "A Talent for Murder" show

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Carpet Bowlers Meet at Cardiff

by Ann W. Smith

The Cardiff Community Club Carpet Bowlers played host to the Bancroft Legion Seniors' Club Carpet Bowlers on Friday, February 16.

After a lunch at the Cardiff Community Centre 3 Bancroft Legion teams competed against 3 Cardiff teams.

The trophy was won by Doug Lindsay's team from Bancroft with a close score of 8 to 7. His team mates were Joe

Gallant, Betty Hales and John Hales. Two keen Cardiff carpet bowlers,

The runners up were the Cardiff team of Marie Martin, Susan Bugden, George Gibson and Lavern Newman.

The Cardiff Carpet bowlers are looking forward to the District 11 Qualification competitions for the Ontario Senior Games (Actifest '96) on May 24 at the Cardiff Community Centre.

Actifest '96 will be in Richmond Hill on August 26,

Jim Wilke and Frank Peischl, had an exciting time 2 years ago at Sudbury at Actifest '94.

Jim and Frank never lose interest in the game because of the challenge of never knowing when they will do well from one day to the next. They may have an off day. Even using different carpets can give different results.

Hospital Auxiliary

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Janet Wootton described plans for the Spring Fashion Show which will be held on May 24 at the Legion Hall in Bancroft. There will be a lunch for which 100 tickets will be printed.

"Weekender" will donate items for raffles for which 150 tickets will be printed.

It was announced that the Regional Spring Conference will be on April 24 in Kingston. It is hoped that at least 2 carloads of members will be able to go.

The Bancroft Legion Ladies' Auxiliary is having a "Shamrock Tea" on March 16, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. to benefit the Hospital Auxiliary.

Betty Lambbeck happily agreed that the cast would be delighted to present this show again. Phone her - B. Lambbeck, of Bancroft - for more information.

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Police Dog Visits

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to sniff out drugs. The dog is never let off the leash when searching for drugs so the handler can prevent any inclination it might have to eat what it finds.

Con. Perry told the children, "Drugs are bad for you. They kill brain cells."

He told of one search in which

the dog detected drugs hidden in a high ceiling and indicated the location by circling around with its nose up. Another dog found drugs buried in a pail more than a foot deep in frozen ground.

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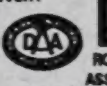
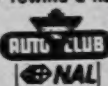
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Dear Amy

Dear Amy,

I read your most recent letter to "Showers of Confusion" and I decided to write to you regarding my pet beef about showers.

When I go to a shower the procedure is as follows. The Bride To Be or Mother To Be opens a gift. The gift is then passed around. Each person present examines the gift, passes her opinion on the gift and then looks at the enclosed card to see who bought the gift.

This distresses me greatly. Perhaps it is because I have not always been in a position where I could afford comparable gift items. Things are better for me now financially but I still struggle with this custom. I almost consider it to be barbaric. No woman has ever confided in me that she has similar feelings. Consequently I question myself. Am I the only one who feels this way?

- Alone - In Bring & Brag Land

Dear Alone in B & B Land:

No, you are not alone.

I, too, feel as you do. This means there are six thousand others who feel the same way but just haven't dared to say so.

The Scripture has something to say about almost everything and in this case it is, "But when you give to the needy, let not your left hand know what your right hand is doing" (Matthew 6:3). I think the meaning is clear: - "Don't let everybody else know it either."

It is sad but true that some of us insist on waving a white flag and using a megaphone to announce what we do for others.

A friend of mine recently attended a shower and told me that notations were made on the cards as to whom the donor was but the cards were kept back and only the gifts were passed around. This certainly sounds like a step in the right direction.

- Sincerely, Amy

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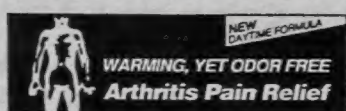
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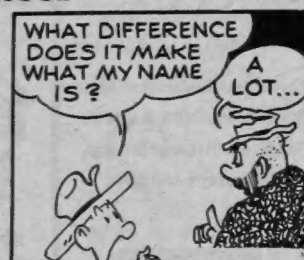
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Good Attendance at Highland Grove Lunch



Many people are in the Highland Grove Community Centre for the Highland Grove Lunch. On far left is the Courier co-editor, Ann Smith

By Stewart Smith

Every table was filled, in the Highland Grove Community Centre, on Wednesday, February 14. Some tables - at least the one we sat at - were filled for a second sitting as well.

The members of the Highland Grove

Activity Group were delighted by the response to their monthly Highland Grove Luncheon. Sue Palmer tells us that 32 people attended.

The guests were treated to a filling repast of pot pie - either beef or turkey, cole slaw, home made

tea biscuit, and a dessert of Dutch apple cake and ice cream. This is, the Activity Group reminds us, a Country Luncheon. You do not leave hungry.

Everyone seems to have caught on to the fact that the Highland Grove Luncheons have been moved from

Tuesdays to Wednesdays. The next will be on Wednesday, March 13.

What is on the menu? "Come and find out," suggests Sue Palmer.

Workers of the Highland Grove Activity Group are Sue Palmer, Bea Hughey, and Pearl Travis.

Loop Association Holds Winter Carnival

By Stewart Smith

An attempt was made by the Loop Association - East Haliburton Business Association - to revive the Loop Carnival, with celebrations on Friday and Saturday, February 16 and 17.

Some events succeeded. Others did not.

The Harcourt Community Chapel donated a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning, and fed 70 people.

The Harcourt Community Centre Ladies Committee put on a supper that same evening. Close to 100 people attended, enjoying roast beef and all the trimmings.

"Snow-Pitch" ball games in the snow were planned as a major event for both Harcourt and Wilberforce. Two students from Sir Sandford Fleming College, Haliburton Campus, were to organize it. Six teams: 2 from each of Lindsay,

Haliburton, and Wilberforce, were prepared to play. Nothing happened.

The students could not be contacted. The games did not take place.

Andrew Hillo rescued what he could of the day by organizing games for children, beside the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.

Nearby was an ice sculpture which had been built by Hyland Ice, Wilberforce IGA, Schwandt Lumber, and Students of Wilberforce Elementary School.

A dog show at the Wilberforce Elementary School, on

Saturday morning, was also a success. It was exactly at the same time as the sled dog races in Bancroft, and a snowmobile event in Haliburton.

The Harcourt Community Centre used the supper to help raise funds for a new kitchen in the busy Community Centre. "We're putting in some new cupboards, and all new counter tops," explains Ross Covert.

Coming special events at the Harcourt Centre include a:

* St. Patrick's Dance on March 16; and

* a Benefit Dance for a Literacy group in Bancroft, on May 11.

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Betty Wilcox Wins

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a Dodge Ram Truck. The package won by Betty Wilcox includes:

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- * Mid-size car rental for 7 days.
- * A guided tour of

Dunedin Stadium and the club house, after which [they] will attend batting practice and meet with some of the Blue Jays for a private autograph session. * Tickets to attend two of the Blue Jays exhibition games.

* \$500 cash. Betty Wilcox is invited to take someone with her. She has chosen to take her husband, Truman.

Frosty Frolics

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Willow Hawkins, of Minden, supervises the "Fishing Friends" craft toys made by Sheri & John Hawkins, and shown at the Frosty Frolics Craft Show

sleigh rides, given by Danny Bierworth, and sponsored by the BBIA. Nearby, Camp Can-Aqua produced maple syrup taffy, and handed out samples to an ex-

cited crowd.

The community and area were dotted with some 20 ice sculptures: large, elaborate, and painted.

Judged best among the 16 sculptures in the Open Class was that of Phil Cooper, Mike Croft, and Paul Liakakos. This sculpture is/was 2 miles south of Paudash, beside Highway 28, and across from the Fox and Hounds. First Prize was \$100.

First prize in the Elementary School Class went to Our Lady of Mercy School, with Bird's Creek Public School second. Already preparations will be beginning for the 1997 Frosty Frolics, to be held

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 27 C.N.I.B. Vision Day: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Bancroft Legion Hall. "Open House" style day.

Saturday, March 1 Deadline for Advertising in the next Cardiff Courier

Thursday, March 7 Distribution Day for the next Cardiff Courier.

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Valentine Tea Held in Cardiff



Elsie Wilke, Jean Blackburn and Hilda Chadwick take a break from their work at the Cardiff United Church Valentine Tea and Bake Sale

by Ann W. Smith

The Cardiff United Church Hall was a cheerful place to be on the afternoon of Saturday February 10. A Valentine Tea and Bake Sale was well attended and enjoyed by people from neighbouring communities such as Bancroft and Paudash as well as local Cardiff residents.

The tea tables and walls were decorated in red and white hearts and flowers motifs to brighten the spirits of those taking advantage of an outing during this "down" month of the year. The small group of United Church Women did all the work of decorating as well as using their culinary ta-

lents to prepare a variety of delicious fresh sandwiches and cakes and cookies. Each table had a plate of pickles and vegetable sticks. Tea and coffee were served by the ladies. Each table also had a dish of Valentine heart candies.

A table of baked goods that could be bought to take home was popular with the customers. Here again was a variety of Home made goodies - tarts, muffins, Banana Bread, cookies - as well as a special Valentine Heart Cake.

An added bonus was a White Elephant table with crafts and other interesting things to buy.

The U.C.W. raised over \$300 which they will use to support the work of the Church.

The regular meetings of the Cardiff U.C.W. are on the second Wednes-

day of each month in the Church Hall. There is a social time with tea and dessert at 12:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 1 o'clock with a Devotional and a program. Plans for future events are discussed.

Several times during the year they have a Pot Luck Supper on the last Friday of the month.

One of the annual events coming soon is the Daffodil Tea which they co-host with the U.C.W. of St. Mark's, Paudash to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society. This will probably be toward the end of March. The day will be set when they hear when the daffodils will be ready for sale.

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Bicroft Fire Chief Urges Use of Smoke Detectors

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second floor of the house. Ten seconds later the smoke detector at the foot of the stairs goes off.

The film shows the smoke in the upper half of the room. The temperature is 400 degrees F. only 3 feet above the floor.

Outside the house there is no evidence of the fire until the living room window breaks at 1400 degrees. By this time the smoke and toxic gases have spread throughout the building.

The closed door to the kitchen slowed the fire downstairs.

The closed door to the master bedroom protected that room from severe damage.

The firefighters watered the 1st floor so the flames never reached the second floor but smoke and intense heat

ruined toys and furnishings in the other rooms.

Breathing the air would be lethal within 5 minutes after the start of the fire.

This demonstration fire showed the importance of staying close to the floor and leaving the house quickly. Do not try to save material things. Life is more valuable.

Call the fire department from a neighbour's house.

The film said that the majority of fire deaths are in the home and smoke detectors buy time to save lives.

Bill Foote emphasized the need for smoke detectors that are properly maintained. The batteries should be checked frequently and the detectors should be cleaned to remove the dust that collects. Do not use rechargeable batteries.

Have a number of smoke detectors in the house. Make sure they are not in dead air spaces.

There is a newer type of smoke detector that can be shut off if activated by something such as burning toast but it will reset itself.

In answer to questions about chimneys Foote recommended that chimneys be kept clean. Creosote a 1/2 in. thick can be dangerous. If there is a chimney fire have the chimney examined for possible damage.

There was a draw for a smoke detector that was won by Muriel Penton.

Get in touch with your local fire department for information about the use of smoke detectors.

Just Wait 'Till Next Year



"Just Wait 'Till Next Year." That's the word from Skip Max Ward and his foursome, who finished second at the Monmouth Volunteer Fire Fighters 13th Annual Reg Schofield Fun 'Spiel.

Left to right are Second Ted Nottage, Vice Rick Forget (convenor of the 'Spiel), Skip Ward, and Lead Eric Saunders.

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